

**ABSTRACT**

A method of compensating for tilt and/or defocus and an apparatus therefor. The apparatus has a tilt and/or defocus detector detecting the tilt and/or defocus of an optical recording medium, and a recording compensator compensating a write pulse having a predetermined recording pattern using a predetermined system with respect to the detected tilt and/or defocus. The apparatus both adjusts write power with respect to the detected defocus, shifts the recording pattern with respect to the detected tilt, adjusts a power level and/or write time required for recording, and records a recording mark having a desired size (length and width). The apparatus is useful in compensating for tilt and/or defocus in a high-density optical system.

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